



THE SORROWFUL LAMENTATION OF ANDREW CARR
Who was Executed on the 28 of July at Richmond Jail
FOR THE MURDER OF MARGRET MURPHY

You feeling hearted christians I hope yo'll lend an ear
When you hear my lamentation i'm you'll shed a tear
My guilty concious stings me sore the truth i now must say
For the life I could not give I basely took away

My name is Andrew Carr & to Kildare I do belong
Where my parents rear'd me tenderly untill I was twenty one
But I being young & foolish into the Army I did go
Where I bore a good character as my somrades well do know

When I left my aged parents & bid them both good bye
They little thought it would be my lot on the gallows three to die
Or that I would fall a victim by becoming Satans pray
For to disgrace the bones that now lie mouldering in the clay

When I first knew Margret Murphy it was to me a woful day
With the 87 th Regiment in Dublin there I lay
But she proud to be inconstant which caused this wicked strife
So I swore to be reveng'd of her & take away her life

For 8 long years this wicked thought I nurterd in my breast,
Curs'd jealousy got hold of me & I could find no rest
When discharged from the Army I return'd home with dread
And made up my mind for to commit this most atrocious crime

Then just in 3 weeks after the devil tempt'd me
One night when she was drunk I took the opportunity
Embracing the temptation I throw all's all drest
And with my army arzer I near cut off her head

Then when I had murder'd her I instantly did go
Into a neighbouring publick-house to try & bannish woe
I remain'd there for 10 minutes & I could no longer stand
For my concious sting me when I saw her blood upon my hand

Then I gave myself up to the law & told what I had done
For I saw the eyes of justice it was impossible to shun
Then I was try'd & found guilty & am condemn'd to die
For the murder of Margret Murphy on the 28 day of July

So now young men I tell you as true as Andrew Carr it is my name
That night walking drink & company is what I have to blame
For being the instigation of all my crimes & fear
And brought me to the gallows high to end my wild career

Now as I am going to face Eternity
I hope each pious Christian will re-ite a prayer for me
As I am heartily sorry for the deed that I have done
That God may grant me pardon let each one say Amen